## IN DEFENSE OF MACDONALD

THE FORMER REPRESENTATIVE WRITES STRONG LETTER TO

Having been a member of the Leg-slature of 1907, which made the first slature of 1907, which made the first adequate appropriation for road building, being familiar with the condition of the roads of Connecticut, and knowing much of the detail of Mr. MacDonald's office I have naturally been interested in all the discussion and criticism in the press of the commissioner and his work. The great majority of the criticism (if honest) shows an atter tack of knowledge of the an utter lack of knowledge of the subject and some of it is absolutely

has with millions to disburse should attract politicians with itching palms and who, for purposes of their own, would start a campaign of criticism to discredit the work of the bresent incumbent and one can readily conceive of such action on the part of a dishonest contractor who, maybe, for the first time, has been compelled by the commissioner to fulfill specifications; but honest men, who have the welfare of the state at heart, it seems to me should familiarize themselves with the facts before rushing into print to commissioner to fulfill specifications; but honest men, who have the welfare of the state at heart, it seems to me should familiarize themselves with the facts before rushing into print to criticise an official or refrain until there are excellent reasons to believe that he is either dishonest or incom-

partment.

partment.

Second—He is absolutely in love with his work and devotes his whole time, thought and energy to it.

Third—He comes as near being a national authority on road building as any man in America, being the oldest control of particles. road commissioner in point of service in the United States and the recogni-tion of his works on the subject, his lectures and addresses all over this ountry, and the demands made upon im for advice and counsel in road building are ample proof of this asser-

Fouth-He has plead and fought with the people all over the state for fourteen years to awaken them to ac-tion on the subject of good roads and whatever of advancement we have made in this direction is due as much, if not more, to his efforts, than any other man or agency in the state, and this much to his financial disadvan-tage, past, present and future, even though he be given a life tenure of

the office.

Pifth—That he possesses the executive ability to disburse the large fund at his disposal to the best interests of the state at large is practically proven by what he has already flone in two short years, when it is known what assistance he was able to command under the law and what co-operation he has been able to secure from the towas.

The history of road building by this state practically began April 1, 108, and was made possible by the appropriation by the General Assembly of 1907. It was with sight hope of passible to the the law was framed and but 1907. It was with sight hope of passage that the law was framed and but for its connection with the approprations for the State Armory and Library it probably would not have gone through. Had it been loaded with provisions for a large clerical force of engineers and deputies, it certainly would have failed of passage, but through the combined effort of Senator Bulkeley and James H. MacDonald the measure became a law with ald the measure became a law with all its limitations. However, the start all its limitations. However, the start was made and the commissioner realized the problem of 168 towns demanding immediate roads for which they would pay but 25 per cent of the cost and which demands he was compelled by law to recognize, with insufficient machinery of office and a dearth of responsible contractors at his command. It is a matter of record that his best efforts were put forth to dehis best efforts were put forth to de-fer a great portion of the work until such time as it could be properly su-pervised and the state not placed at the mercy of the contractors. But the clamer of the press and the towns con-tinued and the commissioner went the tinued and the commissioner went the limit of personal endurance to satressure continuing until the rising of he General Assembly in 1909. Another reason for the commission-

er discouraging such haste was that no provision was incorporated in the 1997 law for the maintenance of roads further than for the commissioner to furnish each town with a certain quantity of stone for the town to do their own repairing, he having no authority or men to superintend this work. The result of this assistance in material to the towns by the state was that many selectmen ordered it months after they were notified by the commissioner that it was ready and instances are known where this material was used for other roads and the commissioner's roads allowed to go to pieces and he power-less to prevent it. Thus it will be seen if this be true, that the statement that the commissioner has been responsible for the maintenance of state roads for

for the maintenance of state roads for two years and three months is without foundation in fact.

It will be observed by reference to the law of 1907 that the commissioner has no power to build roads without the consent of the towns and has no choice as to the kind of roads they may desire constructed. Macadam has often been insisted upon by towns whose selectmen have had no seeming appreciation of the fact that macadam is expensive to maintain as well adam is expensive to maintain as well adam is expensive to maintain as well as construct, most of them with an utter disregard of the value of anything they did not pay for, having let them go to rack and ruin in spite of the protests of the commissioner.

Not only have the towns as a rule neglected the state roads but their own are generally bad on account of the lack of ordinary business method employed in maintenance.

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The macudam from the West Hartford town line to the borough of Farmington built through the generoisty of Alfred Atmore Pope and D. Newton Barney of Farmington, and with which the commissioner had nothing to do, was given a coat of tar when new, in spite of the protest of the commissioner, who advised waiting a year until it had bonded, went to pieces in less than two years when it was repaired at a cost of \$3,500, two thousand of which was contributed by Mr. Pope and is now in bad shape again, through neglect, except for two hundred feet which was treated with tar, on the advice of the commissioner. It is plainly evident that the condi-

It is plainly evident that the condi-tion of, the kind or the width of our present roads are not due to the neg-lect or incompetency of the commis-

It is a well-known fact among road builders that a macadam road must be kept perfectly surfaced and reason-ably wet until it has become thoroughly bonded which usually takes about a year and then, even with tar or oil,

have constant attention. I am of the opinion that now the ommissioner may have the machincommissioner may have the machinery and power to maintain state roads
that he will give all Connecticut an
object lesson of cheap and effective
maintenance by employing a man,
horse and pile of stone for a given
stretch of road, which will be obviously cheaper than neglecting it until it
has gone to pieces and then build it

all over again, as has been the prac-

all over again, as has been the practice in Connecticut.

It seems to me this should satisfactorily answer the criticisms of the commissioner up to three months ago when the 1969 law went into effect, and any criticism of what he has or has not done, under this law is simply childish, for road building doesn't begin in the fall, in this climate, and the unusual decision of the commissioner to take plenty of time for his appointments and defer dispensing patronage until his appointees can render some service is commendable.

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There may be men in Connecticut who know of roads at any price that have stood the stress of automobile traffic for a number of years, but the best road makers in the world have not yet discovered them and I doubt if the commissioner's critics have.

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Of this I have no don t, our com-missioner knows every foot of state rond in Connecticut and its condition, and that there is nothing new or val-uable in road building anywhere that he is not cognizant of; in other words, he is more nearly up to date—and is acknowledged to be by au horities— then any highway commissioner in subject and some of it is absolutely school of the is more nearly up to dark and some of it is absolutely school of the is more nearly up to dark and the is more nearly up to d

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petent.

That Mr. MacDonald, as highway commissioner, has been and is not only absolutely honest and has so far spent the state's money as judiciously as the circumstances and the law offer.

Jacob Schrall, 432 South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "For over eighteen months I was a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble. During the whole and tried several different kidney as the circumstances and the law ofference." Jacob Schrall, 432 South St., Dancommissioner, has been and is not only absolutely honest and has so far spent the state's money as judiciously as the circumstances and the law would allow. I think can be shown to the satisfaction of any honest, thinking man.

First—There is no breath of suspicion of graft or dishonesty in his department.

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> A Wedding Day Reminder. William James, the famous psychologist of Harvard, said at a dinner in

Boston "Au odor often brings back memories that we had thought buried forever. As we regard some strange landscape it often seems to us that we have been just here before. The eddest, the most momentous associations oftentimes attach themselves to

"Thus at a Thanksgiving dinner that I once attended the hostess said to a sour faced man on my left:

the most trifling things.

"'May I help you to some of the boiled rice, Mr. Smith? "'Rice? No, thank you-no rice for me, Smith answered vehemently. 'It is associated with the worst mistake of my life."

Costs of Office.

On the day after his election the chief magistrate of a certain town in the Midlands who enjoys the reputation of being rather "near" in money matters was asked for a subscription to the local football club.

"I really can't do it," he replied "Just look at the outlay I've already been put to through accepting office!" And he produced a small ledger inscribed on the cover "Mayoralty Expenses." On the top line of the first inside page was the entry. "Dress suit, £2."-Reynolds' Newspaper.

An Execution.

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A Murrene Woman.

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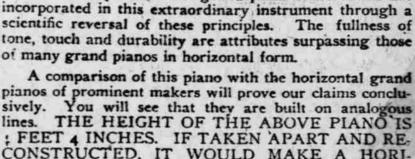


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Monkeys and Parrots. A lung specialist was talking about

famous scientist who had contracted onsumption from a lot of consumptive nonkeys that he had been experimentng upon.

"This should be a lesson and a warn ng to us all," he said, "for nothing is nore dangerous to the lungs' healt' han to have a monkey about the ionse. Practically all monkeys have obsumption in this climate, and it is ust as easy to take consumption from monkey ay from a man or woman t is the same with parrots. They, too have consumption, and they, too, are nost apt to give the disease to those who pet them. As for me, rather than live in the same house with a pet mon key or a pet parrot I would take a co in the hopeless ward of some con sumptives' hospital," - New Orlean: Times-Democrat.

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